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lakhs in 1956-57. Expressed in terms of rate per mile, (both for passenger and goods operations) the net surplus in 1957-58 worked out to 15·65 nPs. per mile.

1637. The total capital expenditure during the year was Rs. 107·57 (Rs. 43·32) lakhs.

1638. The total capital at charge at the close of the year was Rs. 5·65 crores.

Second Five-Year Plan

1639. The Department has registered considerable progress in its development activities under the Second Five-year Plan during the year. As against a Budget grant of Rs. 59·85 lakhs for the year, an expenditure of Rs. 57·59 lakhs has been incurred on development schemes.

Labour relations

1640. The relation between the employees and the administration was extremely satisfactory during the year.

1641. The most remarkable achievement during the year was the conclusion of the Industrial Truce by the Management with the Labour Federation on 10th January 1958, conferring on the workers the benefits of uniform pay scales and service conditions.

Conclusion

1642. The year 1957-58, witnessed continued progress in integrating the various units and in evolving a uniform system of wage-structure and service regulations, traffic operation, mechanical maintenance and accountal procedure. The Department was steadily marching towards achieving its goal of Nationalisation of Road Transport Services of the State with the avowed objective of providing an efficient, cheap, adequate and comfortable transport to the travelling public.

(ii) Motor Vehicles Department.

1643. The Motor Vehicles Department is concerned with the administration of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation and Tolls Act, 1957, and the Rules thereunder.

1644. Consequent on the Re-organisation of States, the new State of Mysore was divided into five Regions for the purpose of administration of the Motor Vehicles Acts and Rules and the Regional Transport Authorities were reconstituted with one Regional Transport Authority for each Region with effect from 1st April 1957. In order to afford more facilities to the motor vehicle owners and also to

eliminate administrative regidity and inconveniences, the Department was further re-organised with a Regional Transport Authority for each district and the Deputy Commissioner was made the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Regional Transport Authority concerned with effect from 1st January 1958. The Regional Transport Officers being the Registering Authorities were also Secretaries of the respective Regional Transport Authorities and attended to the work relating to the administration of Motor Vehicles Acts and Rules.

1645. In order to avoid any inconveniences to the owners, all the taluk Treasury Officers including the Regional Transport Officers were made the Licensing Officers under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957.

1646. The control of traffic throughout the State continued to be the responsibility of the Police.

Issue of permits to Passenger Transpor

1647. Permits for operating stage carriages were issued or renewed with particular reference to the needs of the travelling public, the condition of the road and the financial stability of the operator concerned. The desirability of fostering the development of Road Transport wherever the State Transport Services were operating was also taken into consideration.

1648. Permits for operating contract carriages other than Taxi Cabs were issued or renewed mainly for the transport of employees of the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., and REMCO at Bangalore and also for the transport of school children to and from their institutions.

1649. The issue of permits for operating motor cabs (taxis) was liberalised to some extent, particularly in the City of Bangalore, with a view to providing adequate transport facilities to the public of Bangalore City. Permits during the year were granted for the plying of Baby taxis and Auto Rickshaws, preference being shown to vehicles of 1951 and later models.

1650. Private carrier permits were generally issued keeping in view the provisions of Sections 52 and 53 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 and also the trade or business and integrity of the applicants,

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1651. In view of the recommendations of the Transport Advisory Council and in order to encourage and regulate the inter-State Motor Transport, it was considered necessary to enter into reciprocal arrangements with the neighbouring States of Bombay, Madras, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. Representatives of this State met the representatives of the neighbouring States for the purpose and arrived at certain terms and conditions under which reciprocal arrangements were to be entered into in regard to the inter-State operations of transport vehicles, these decisions being subject to ratification by the respective State Governments.

Compulsory Insurance.

1652. The compulsory insurance scheme was enforced in respect of all motor vehicles.

1653. The vehicles belonging to Police Department, Fire Brigade and Ambulance Vans and the vehicles belonging to the Government of India were exempted from obtaining the Certificate of Insurance.

1654. Rules regarding taxation of motor vehicles in different areas of the new State consequent on the re-organisation of States were not uniform. With a view to having a common law for the whole of the new State, the new Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1957 was introduced in the State with effect from 1st January 1958. Motor vehicles other than non-transport vehicles registered in any other State in India and plying in this State temporarily were exempted from payment of tax in this State provided tax for the period has been paid in the State where it was registered. Motor vehicles of Government of India and Mysore used for Government purposes unconnected with any commercial enterprise, Ambulance vehicles and vehicles of the Fire Brigade, etc., were also exempted from payment of tax in the State.

1655. The total revenue under the Motor Vehicles Act and the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, etc., for the year was Rs. 2,20,58,559-62, while the expenditure incurred by the Department during the year was Rs. 15,88,135-20 only.